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Applicant: Iijima, Kazumi

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Examiner: W. Aughenbaugh

Title: PLASTIC SYRINGE BARREL AND
METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE SAME

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated December 25, 2002, applicant
hereby amends the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A plastic syringe barrel for holding fluid, comprising:
a nozzle portion at the forward end of the plastic syringe barrel for
permitting attachment of an extension tube or other device in which an outer cylinder and
an inner cylinder are formed [in a nozzle portion of the plastic syringe barrel], and [in]
a luer lock portion [composed of] comprising a cylindrical space [is]
formed [between] by an inner peripheral surface of the outer cylinder and an outer
peripheral surface of the inner cylinder,